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A. Tabular Outline

Kaspar Heurich; of Haina bei Römhild, Saxe-Meiningen, Germany; m a r r i e d Anna Marguerite Fuchs

Elisabeth Adelipa; m. Hermann Jacobsen (Baltimore, Md.)	Emilie; m. Eduard Rust	CHRISTIAN (1842-1945); m. (1) Amelia Mueller Schnell, (2) Mathilde Daetz, and (3) Amelia Louise Keyser (his 1st wife's niece) (by 3rd wife) (Washington)	August Friedrich

(HEURICH)

Charles (JACOBSEN); m. Mary C. Sippel	Christian, Jr. (1901-); m. (1) Consuelo Madelyn Young, (2) Beverly Peters Jones (3 daughters by 1st wife, 2 sons by 2nd wife.)	Anna Marguerite (1903-1904)	Anita Augusta (1905-); m. Charles Ellison Eckles (2 sons and 1 daughter.)	Karla Louise (1907-); m. (1) Col. Charles B. King, (2) Brig. Gen. Eugene L. Harrison. (2 sons and 1 daughter by Col. King.)	Karl; living in Washington, D. C., 1927.

Christian F. JACOBSEN) (1884-); m. (1) Minnie C. Dierken, (2) Edna Parker. (2 sons and 1 daughter by 1st wife.)

(For genealogical details, see Section B., below.)

B. Genealogy of the Heurich Family

I. KASPAR HEURICH; tavern-keeper, of Haina bei Römhild, Duchy of Saxe-Meiningen, Germany; m. ANNA MARGUERITE FUCHS. Issue:

1. ELISABETH ADELIPA; m. HERMANN JACOBSEN, and settled in Baltimore, Md. Son (Surname JACOBSEN):
   a. CHARLES; b. Baltimore, Md., 1 May 1860; came to Washington when a boy and was employed by the Christian Heurich Brewing Co.; in 1884 founded and was President of the Arlington Bottling Co.; also was President of the Frazee Potomac Laundry Co.; Vice-President and Director, Adelinda Zinc Mining Co. of Arkansas, and of the Washington Baseball Club; member, Board of Trade, Washington; Mason; m. MARY C. SIPPEL. Son:

(1) CHRISTIAN F. (JACOBSEN); b. Washington, D. C., 30 Nov. 1884; student, Emerson Institute; entered employ of the National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D.C., as a messenger, 1903, becoming Cashier, 1917, Vice-President, 1938, President, 1939-present; Treasurer and Director, J. Frank Kelly Co., and Vice-President and Director, George M. Barker Co., both of Washington; Director, Potomac Insurance Co. and Fidelity Storage Co.; Treasurer, National Association of Motor Bus Operators and American Planning and Civic Assn.; Chairman, Advisory Committee, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Chairman, Board of Financial Advisers, General Federation of Women's Clubs; Lutheran; Mason; Elk; member, Columbia Historical Society and Early Birds Breakfast Club; m. (1) 20 June 1906, MINNIE C., daughter of Joseph Dierken (Father Francis T. McCarty, S.J., pastor, St. Aloysius Church, Washington, D.C., officiating)(Mrs. Jacobsen died in 1933), (2) 20 June 1940, Edna Parker. Issue by 1st wife (Surname JACOBSEN):

i. Charles J.
ii. Mary Jeanne.
iii. John S.

2. EMILIE; m. EDUARD RUST.
3. CHRISTIAN; see II, below.
4. AUGUST FRIEDRICH; m. and had at least 2 sons who were associated with their uncle in the founding of the Christian Heurich Brewing Co. One son,
   a. KARL, was living in Washington, D. C., in 1927.

II. CHRISTIAN HEURICH (son of Kaspar Heurich and his wife, Anna Marguerite Fuchs); b. at Haina bei Römhild, Saxe-Meiningen, Germany, 12 Sept. 1842; d. at Washington, D. C., 7 March 1945, aged 102; for biography, see below); m. (1) Sept. 1873, AMELIA (MUELLER) SCHNELL (b. Washington, D. C.; died there, Sept. 1884), (2) Feb. 1887, MATHILDE DAETZ (b. at Bremerwürde, Germany, d. Washington, Jan. 1895), (3) 11 Jan. 1899, AMELIA LOUISE KEYSER (b. Richmond, Va., 6 July 1866, d. Washington, D.C., 24 Jan. 1956; daughter of Peter Louis Keyser and his wife, Laura Mueller, who was the sister of Mr. Heurich's 1st wife). No issue by the 1st and 2nd wives. Issue by the 3rd wife:

1. CHRISTIAN, JR.; b. 11 Dec. 1901; m. (1) at Philadelphia, Pa., 5 Dec. 1925, CONSUELO MADELYN YOUNG, (2) MRS. BEVERLY PETERS JONES. Now (1957) resides at Chevy Chase, Maryland.

   Issue by 1st wife:

   a. CONSUELO CORINNE; b. 2 Sept. 1926. (Mrs. Martin).
   b. CAROL JEAN; b. 4 Feb. 1929. (Mrs. Hoover).
   c. CONSTANCE ANN.

   (The two older daughters were mentioned in 1954 in the will of their grandmother Heurich under their married names. The youngest daughter was mentioned in her grandmother's will as Constance Ann Heurich.)

Issue of Christian Heurich, Jr., by 2nd wife:
d. CHRISTIAN III. (Mentioned in his grandmother's will, 1954.)
e. GARY.

2. ANNA MARGUERITE; b. Washington, D. C., 19 Dec. 1903; d. at Bellevue Dairy Farms, W. Riverdale, Md., 7 Sept. 1904.

3. ANITA AUGUSTA; b. Bellevue Dairy Farms, W. Riverdale, Md. 28 June 1905; m. at 1307 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 21 June 1928, CHARLES ELLISON ECKLES. Residence: Derwood, Md. Issue (Surname ECKLES):
a. STANLEY HEURICH; b. 4 Sept. 1929. (Mentioned in the
b. GEOFFREY ALAN; b. 29 July 1931. (Will of Mrs.
c. AMELIA ALICE. (Heurich, 1954.)

4. KARLA LOUISE; b. Washington, D. C., 20 Oct. 1907; m.(1) at 1307 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C., 26 Dec. 1931, Lieutenant CHARLES BOWLER KING, (2) 15 Jan. 1946, Brigadier-General EUGENE LYNCH HARRISON. Her first husband, a West Point graduate, rose to the rank of Colonel, was attached to the staff of Lieutenant-General Omar N. Bradley, commanding the American forces invading France in World War II, and was killed in action in Normandy, 22 June 1944. Col. King's mother, Norma, daughter of Col. T. F. Bowler, of Okemah, Okla., became the 3rd wife (1939) of the noted Washington correspondent of The Times of London, Sir Willmott Lewis, K.B.E. Mrs. King's 2nd husband, Gen. Harrison, also a West Point graduate, was Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, IV Corps in Italy, and G-2, 6th Army Group in France and Germany, 1944-45, and holds the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Legion of Honor (France), the Croix de Guerre with Palm, etc.
Issue of Karla Heurich and her 1st husband, Col. King:
a. JAN ALLISON; b. 22 Dec. 1932; m. M. BENJAMIN EVANS.
b. CHARLES BOWLER, JR.; b. 8 Sept. 1934.
c. DONALD CHRISTIAN HEURICH; b. 2 April 1937.
(They were mentioned in the will of their grandmother Heurich in 1954. Gen. and Mrs. Harrison reside at Mandalay Point, Clearwater Beach, Fla.)

C. Biographical Notice of Christian Heurich

CHRISTIAN HEURICH, son of Kaspar and Anna Marguerite (Fuchs) Heurich, was born at Haina, near Römhild, in the then duchy of Saxe-Meiningen. (In medieval times Römhild was the capital of the countship of Henneberg, and in Mr. Heurich's home in Washington are carved figures representing an early Count and Countess of Henneberg.) His date of birth was 12 September 1842.

As a boy Mr. Heurich learned the trades of butcher and brewer, and at the age of 14 began those peregrinations which were destined to take him through Austria, Germany, Italy, and France in pursuit of his calling. At the age of 24 he resolved to emigrate to America, where his sister Elisabeth and her husband, Hermann Jacobsen, were living. He arrived in New York in 1866 and proceeded immediately to the Jacobsens' home in Baltimore,

but found, to his surprise, that they had gone to the West Indies aboard a sailing-vessel of which Mr. Jacobsen was master. Undaunted by this unexpected turn of events, he made his home in the large German colony of the Maryland city and commenced the study of English under a German private tutor. Three weeks later his sister, with her husband and 6-year-old son, returned to Baltimore, where a joyful family reunion was held.

Eighteen months after his arrival in America, young Heurich decided to see more of this country than was afforded him by the Maryland area, and to improve his knowledge of the English language. He worked as a brewer in Chicago, went to Kansas where, in November 1868, he cast his one and only vote in a presidential election (for Gen. U. S. Grant, whose grandson, Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd, is President of the Columbia Historical Society), accepted employment as a brewer in Ripley and Cincinnati, Ohio, and, as an able seaman, shipped out of Baltimore for South American ports.

In 1872 he settled permanently in Washington, where he went into the brewery business with Paul Ritter, whose interests he purchased the next year. He founded and was President of the Christian Heurich Brewing Co., which occupied a large plant between 25th and 26th Sts. and D and Water Sts., N. W. He took great pride in the purity of his product, which was endorsed by the United States Department of Agriculture and the French Government as being absolutely free from any admixture. Beginning in 1900, medals were awarded the Heurich beer by the Paris, Liege, and Jamestown (Va.) Expositions. He was, naturally enough, an opponent of prohibition; it did not make sense to him that the manufacture and drinking of beer should be outlawed. But as a patriotic, law-abiding citizen, he shut down his plant when the prohibition law was passed, and did not resume business until its repeal. Then, at the venerable age of 90, when people who have reached that age generally think of another world, he became as successful a business man as he had been at the age of 30. He was also founder and President of the Christian Heurich Ice-Manufacturing Co.

In 1879 he bought the lot in Square 115 where, in 1892-94, he built the first fireproof dwelling in the city of Washington, now known as 1307 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. He also owned many other pieces of property in Washington and in nearby Prince George's County, Maryland.

Mr. Heurich was active in the civic affairs of Washington, becoming a member of various citizens' associations. His interest in the history of the Nation's Capital was shown by his membership in the Columbia Historical Society as early as 1903. He was also Vice-President of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants, a member of the Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Chemical Society of America, and the National Geographic Society, and a director of the Columbia Title Insurance Co., the Christian and Eleonora Ruppert Home for Aged and Indigent Residents of the District of Columbia, and the German Orphan Asylum.

In 1882, with his first wife and sister, he paid the first of many visits to Europe. In all, he crossed the Atlantic 73 times. He also traveled extensively throughout the

United States. World War I (1914-19) interrupted the almost annual visits of the Heurich family to Europe, and they did not go again until 1922. Mr. Heurich had many philanthropies in both the United States and his ancestral home in Germany. The Duke of Saxe-Meiningen and Hildburghausen wished to confer on him a title of nobility, which was declined by Mr. Heurich, who valued his American citizenship too highly to trade it for a hereditary title from a foreign prince. However, 15 years later (1929), he was happy to accept the distinction of becoming the first Honorary Citizen of Römhild. The second person to hold this honor was the great President of the German Republic, Field Marshal Paul Ludwig Hans von Beneckendorff und von Hindenburg. In 1930 Mr. Heurich was present at the military maneuvers at Römhild, on which occasion President von Hindenburg commented: "Wir sind ja Kollegen als Ehrenbürger diese Städtchen" (We are indeed colleagues as Honorary Citizens of this little town). Mr. Heurich and his (third) wife were at Wiesbaden, in the then Prussian Province of Hesse-Nassau, on 12 September 1932, when he celebrated his 90th birthday; he was the proud recipient of the following message: "Zur Vollendung Ihres 90sten Lebensjahres sende ich Ihnen in dankbarer Würdigung Ihrer treuen Anhänglichkeit in die alte Heimat herzliche Glückwünsche und die besten Grüsse. Von Hindenburg, Reichspräsident". (On the completion of the 90th year of your life I send to you in grateful appreciation of your faithful attachment to the old homeland hearty congratulations and best wishes. Von Hindenburg, President of the Republic). The last visit paid to Germany by the Heurichs was in 1939; they were at Bremen on that fateful day when World War II was launched by the German invasion of Poland. Hurrying into Denmark, the 95-year-old industrialist and his wife boarded a vessel for the United States. "About the most beautiful sight you'll ever see is the American flag," he told a reporter on his arrival home.

On his 100th birthday, in 1942, he gave as his formula for longevity: "Practice moderation and drink Heurich's beer." He died at 1307 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., 7 March 1945. In his life and activities he exemplified the best type of German immigrant who became a successful businessman and a loyal and useful citizen of the United States. After his death, Mrs. Heurich became a member of the Board of Directors of the Christian Heurich Brewing Co. On 4 May 1955, she graciously gave the family home to the Columbia Historical Society; it is now known, in her distinguished husband's honor, as The Christian Heurich Memorial Mansion. With her passing, on 24 January 1956, an era in Washington's business and social history came to a close.

[This genealogy is incomplete in some respects; owing to the pressure under which it was being prepared, certain details could not be ascertained or verified. The compiler is indebted to Mr. C. F. Jacobsen, President, National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, for providing the names of the husbands of Christian Heurich's two sisters, whom Mr. Heurich had mentioned in his autobiography, but not specifically named, and to Mrs. Uhler Briggs, Chairman of the Columbia Historical Society's House Committee, for information on certain descendants.]

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Correction:- In Reference No. 3, above, the title of the publication should be: Records of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington, D. C.

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